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Mr. Robert J. Wyatt  
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**Re: Beach Signage  
NW Natural "Gasco Site"  
Portland, Oregon  
ECSI No. 84**

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requesting that NW Natural post signs on the "Gasco Beach" for the purpose of warning the public about the presence of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). DEQ's request is based on recommendations made by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in the final draft OHA Public Health Assessment for recreational use within the Portland Harbor<sup>1</sup>.

Consistent with OHA's recommendations, DEQ requests that NW Natural install and maintain shoreward and water-facing signs along the Gasco beach. DEQ is requesting signage under our removal action authority (see OAR 122-340-0070[1]) to prevent, minimize, or mitigate potential exposure to the public that might result from recreating on the beach, or generally coming into contact with sediment impacted by PAHs.

Signage should be placed on or before December 15, 2017. The attachment is an example of a sign OHA, EPA, and DEQ approves for use.

Please contact me with questions regarding this letter or the attachment.

Sincerely,

Dana Bayuk  
Project Manager  
NW Region Cleanup Section

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<sup>1</sup> Oregon Health Authority, Environmental Health Assessment Program, 2011, "Public Health Assessment – Final Release, Portland Harbor: Recreational Use, Portland, Oregon," September 12, a document prepared under a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Health Assessment and Consultation.

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Attachment:    Example Sign

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